

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0042] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

**[0042]** Fig. 2 shows examples of the irregular portion 5. Fig 2(a) shows an example of the irregular portion 5 as substantially orthogonally crossed grooves 6. The grooves 6 are comprised of a plurality of discontinuous lathe turned annular grooves 6a and a plurality of broached axial grooves 6b. Fig.2(b) shows an example of the irregular portion [[5]] 5' comprised of mutually inclined helical grooves 6' in a crisscross pattern. It is preferable to form the irregular portion [[5]] 5, 5' by pointed projections such as pyramids to assure a good biting performance.